THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Electrification of only DeKn-Ambala-Ljudhiana ; section has. ibeen proposed. Planning Commission have been requested to accord their clearance for taking up this work.

Opposition to grant of autonomy to colleges of Delhi University

8»2KSHRX (PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi University Teachers Association has strongly opposed the idea of granting autonomy to colleges of Delhi University:

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(b) if so, what are the main reasons for their opposition;

(c) what is the Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) -whether any meeting has been held with the DUTA on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI); (a) to Td) Th$_e$ Delhi University Act, 1922 empowers the University to confer autonomy on Colleges conducting courses of study In the Faculty of Medicine, Technology, Music and Fine Arts. In pursuance of the National Policy on Education, 1986 which envisages the development of autonomous colleges in large numbers, the Delhi University (Amendment) Bill seeks to widen the powers of the University to enable it to declare any college in Its jurisdiction as autonomous. The Delhi University (Amendment) Bill **was** passed by the Rajya Sabha in Ihe monsoon session of 1988. The Delhi University Teachers Association (DUTA) has been demanding that the Bill be withdrawn as ii would affect the federal character of the University adversely. Representees of DUTA have been meeting Ministers/officials in th$_e$ Government from time to time to discuss some of their demands. This issue has also come, up during discussions. The matter is under consideration.

Air linking of Jalandhar to Delhi and Chandigarh

893. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleas- , ed to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the desirability of linking Jalandhar in Punjab to Delhi and Chandigarh by air; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and' (b) Subject to availability of operational airfield and aircraft capacity, Vayudoot has plans to airlink Jalandhar during the current plan period.

Recruitment of pilots by National Airlines

894. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of pilots recruited by Air India, Indian Airline§ and Vayudoot during the last on* year; and

(b) how many out of the successj ful candidates are the wards of service personnel of these organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Since **1st** April, 1988. Air India has recruited 1 co-pilots and 14 trainee pilots; India* Airlines recruited 183 trainee pilots and Vayudoot recruited 9 pilots.